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General Notes and Notices.

The death of the Archbishop of York, Rev. Dr. William Thomson, is announced. He was a fine Biblical scholar. The "Speaker's Commentary" known in this country as the "Bible Commentary," one of the best of recent works of its class, owes its origin and many of its best features to him. He was also a contributor to Smith's Bible Dictionary, the article on "Jesus Christ" there given being by his hand.

The programme of lectures at the College of France for the new session contains some interesting items. M. Albert Réville will continue his course on the historical development of the monotheistic religion amongst the people of Israel, M. Clermont-Ganneau will lecture on the most ancient epigraphical texts of Jewish origin, in particular the Hebraic inscriptions of Jerusalem, and M. Ernest Renan will discuss legends relative to the sojourn of the Jews in Egypt and will explain the Book of Daniel.

A Local Board of the American Institute of Sacred Literature has been organized in Pittsburg, Pa., with Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., as President. The programme of work for the winter has been published. It includes courses in the English Bible, in Hebrew and in New Testament Greek. Fifteen lecture-studies will be given by Prof. D. A. McClenahan of the Allegheny U. P. Theo. Seminary on the History and Prophecy of the Assyrian Period. Prof. M. B. Riddle, D. D., of the Western Theo. Seminary will give fifteen lecture-studies on the Life of Christ. Two Hebrew classes will be formed, one for beginners, one for the study of Deuteronomy. These will be in charge of Prof. R. D. Wilson, Ph. D., of the Western Theo. Seminary. Similar classes in New Testament Greek will be taught by Prof. J. K. McClurkin, D. D., of the Reformed Theo. Seminary, the advanced class studying the Epistle to the Galatians. The opportunities offered to the Bible students of Pittsburgh and Allegheny by these courses of study are believed to be uniquely valuable.

The Chicago branch of the American Institute of Sacred Literature holds a Bible Institute in Farwell Hall, Chicago, from January 30, to February 2. Lectures and addresses will be delivered by President Roberts of Lake Forest University on "The Bible as a Text Book"; by Professor C. A. Briggs of Union Theological Seminary on "Biblical Criticism in general," "The Hebrew Story of the Origin of the Earth and Man," "The Authority of the Scripture," "Works of Imagination in the Old Testament;" by President John A. Broadus, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on "The Interbiblical History of the Jews," "Bird's Eye View of the Roman Empire at the Christian Era," "Adaptation of the Bible to Human Nature," "Our Lord's Teaching as to the Old Testament ;" by Bishop John H. Vincent, on "Paul's Letters to Timothy as adapted to the Ministry of the Twentieth Century," "How to promote a wider Interest in the Study of the Bible," "The Individual Church as a School of the English Bible;" by Professor Harper, on "Jonah," "Isaiah's Earlier Prophecies," "Joel," "Isaiah's Later Prophecies," "Hosea," "Isaiah's Last Prophecies." The session will be closed by a "Symposium on Inspiration," participated in by Professors Boardman, DeWitt, Terry and Harper.